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11 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air - Chairman
Lieutenant General William H. Simpson
Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg

SUBJECT: Committee to Study War Department Intelligence Activities.

1. The addressees listed above are designated by the Secretary of War as a committee to meet at the call of the Chairman for the purpose of advising the Secretary of War regarding War Department and Army intelligence matters.

2. The committee is directed immediately to examine into the present organization, functions and responsibilities of all units in the War Department, and the three major elements of the Army engaged in intelligence activities, with a view to determining whether they are adequate, whether and to what extent duplication (either within or without the War Department) exists, how any duplication may be avoided, and how great a coordination can be accomplished.

3. The committee is directed to submit to the Secretary of War a report setting forth its recommendations as to the organization that should exist within the War Department and the Army to meet adequately their intelligence requirements. This report should be submitted not later than December 1, 1945.

4. In making its report the committee shall assume the cognizance of the present over-all organization of the armed services into two Departments, War and Navy, but cognizance should be taken of the practicability of fitting the plan into a single Department of Defense of three divisions, Army, Navy and Air. The committee may also assume the creation of a national intelligence authority and central intelligence agency along the lines recommended in the report of a special committee to the Secretary of War dated 8 November 1945, which report was approved by the Secretary of War on November 6, 1945, but cognizance should be taken of the possibility that the creation of such a central authority and central agency may be disapproved or deferred by higher authority.

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

Army review(s) completed.

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Witnesses appearing before Committee appointed by the Secretary of War to study War Department Intelligence activities:

MAJOR GENERAL E. R. QUESADA.

Assistant Chief of Air Staff--2 Headquarters, Army Air Forces; Commander Fighter Wing, Mediterranean Theater; Commander 12th Fighter Command; Deputy Commander to Northwest African Coastal Air Force in Africa through campaigns of North Africa, Sicily and Italian Campaign up to Naples; October 1943 commanded 9th Fighter Command in England; at the time of invasion commanded 9th Tactical Air Command; May 1945 transferred to Washington.

MAJOR GENERAL W. G. WINANT.

A G of S, G-2, Army Ground Forces; Duty in GPD before war; G-3, General Stillwell's Staff; G-3 of China-Burma-India Theater; senior American planner on General Eisenhower's Staff in NAFHQ; Assistant Division Commander of First Div.; Commander of 71st Div.; A G of S, G-2, AGF; considerable duties with military attaché duties in Asia, including considerable G-2 work prior to the war.

COLONEL JAMES N. ROAMER.

Director of Intelligence, ASF: June 1941, G-3 in Washington, D. C. (Internal Security Branch); 9 Mar 1942 the (same) Branch (with personnel, functions and records) was transferred to ASF, Hqrs; Chief, Internal Security Div., was made supervisor and coordinator of certain intelligence activities of ASF, March 1943; Director of Intelligence, ASF, since June 1943 and up to and including the present time.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN E. HULL.

A G of S, Operations Division, WDGS; Instructor, CGSS School immediately prior to war; A G of S, G-4, 7th Army Corps, 1941, Operations Div. in connection with planning; Chief, Theater Group of Operations Div. on 1 Dec 1941 and for about 1-1/2 years; A G of S, Operations Division, WDGS, for past year.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM M. BESELL.

Senior Army Member, Joint War Planning Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assigned with Operations Division since December 1942, Strategy and Policy Group since December 1942; with Joint War Planning Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since April 1943.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE A. LINCOLN,

Chief, Strategy and Policy Group, OPD and Army Planners Joint and Combined Staff Planners; Chief, WD Orientation Course, General Staff, first six months of 1943; Hqrs, SOS, ETO one year; Deputy Chief, Strategy and Policy Group, Operations Division, WDGS, 1-1/2 years; Chief, Strategy and Policy Group, Operations Division, WDGS, and Army member, Joint and Combined Staff Planners for past year.

BRIGADIER GENERAL LOUIS J. FORTIER,

Artillery Commander, 94th Inf. Div.: G-3 representative on secret mission to Paris in 1937; ordered to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, as military attache, March 1939. Headed Western European Section of G-2 from May 1941 to 8 December 1941; organized Joint Intelligence Committee with assistance of Navy and Air Forces and served as senior Army member from 8 December 1941 until February 1943; Artillery Commander of 94th Infantry Division since 25 June 1942.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE C. McDONALD,

Asst, Headquarters, U. S. Air Forces in Europe: Air Attaché to England 1939 to 1941; returned to U. S. and worked in G-2 and A-2 and with General Donovan for six months organizing OSS; A-2 for Eighth Air Force in England; A-2 of Twelfth Air Force in Africa; A-2 of Northwest African Air Forces; A-2 of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force; A-2 of the U. S. Strategic Forces in Europe; at present, A-2 of Hqrs, U. S. Air Forces in Europe.

BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS D. WHITE,

Commanding General, Seventh Air Force; Chief, U. S. Air Mission to Brasil from beginning of war until March 1942; G-3, Third Air Force to June 1942; Chief of Staff, Third Air Force to December 1943; Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, to September 1944; Deputy Commander, Thirteenth Air Force, September 1944 to June 1945.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES Y. BANFILED,

Chief, Air Information Division, A C of A S - 2: Plans and Training Branch of G-2 from January 1941 until June 1944; Commandant of Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, until 2 January 1945; European Theater of Operations as Director of Intelligence, Deputy Commander for Operations and Deputy Commander of the Eighth Air Force until July 1945; Hq., Army Air Forces for further duty with Eighth Air Force until August 1948.

BRIGADIER GENERAL P. E. PEABODY,

Chief, Military Intelligence Service: Chief of Staff to the Commanding General, Alaska Defense Command; Assistant Div. Commander, 7th Motorized Div., two months; Commanding General, 8th Motorized Div., nine months; Military Attaché, London, for two years; Chief, MIS, since February 1945.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL CARTER W. CLARKE,

Deputy Chief, Military Intelligence Service; Chief, Special Branch, MIS, since July 1941; Deputy Chief, MIS, since June 1944

COLONEL LESLIE R. FORNEY,

Policy Staff, G-2, WDGS: Counter-Intelligence duty in IX Corps Area, two and 1/2 years; Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., one year; Chief, Counter-Intelligence Group, MIS, five months; Chief, Group III, Policy Staff, MID, dealing with counter-intelligence matters since June 1944.

COLONEL RICHARD C. JACOBS, JR.,

Policy Staff, G-2, WDGS: Operations Division, War Department General Staff for two years beginning with war; Joint Security Council, Executive Officer, JIC; Executive Officer, G-2, until June 1944; Deputy Chief, Policy Staff, G-2, June 1944, until present time.

COLONEL DAVID G. ERSKINE,

G-2 Section, Army Ground Forces; Assistant Executive and Executive of Counter-Intelligence Div., G-2, for two years starting in 1941; Division Artillery Commander in 16th Armored Div. for one and 1/2 years; Chief, Counter-Intelligence for 6th Army Group in ETO for one year.

COLONEL CATESBY apC JONES,

Chief, Group IV, Policy Staff, G-2: Member of General Staff for past four years; Chief, Prisoner of War Branch for MI, (security and interrogation of prisoners of war and evasion and escape activities throughout the Army organization and operation of Prisoner of War Branch) since April 1942; Policy Staff, War Department, G-2, since June 5, 1944.

COLONEL RUFUS S. BRATTIN,

G-2 language student in Japan 1922 to 1924; subsequently assistant military attaché, student at Japanese General Staff College, and military attaché in Tokyo; Assistant Chief, Far Eastern Section, MIS, fall of 1936; Chief, FES, MIS; Chief, Intelligence Br., G-2, 1937; transferred to 3rd Army, fall of 1943, AC of S, G-2 in Plans Group G (to prepare plans for movement into and occupation of Berlin) February 1945; occupied Berlin with 2nd Armored Div.; AC of S, G-2, U. S. HQ, Berlin, until 16 September 1945 when ordered back to U. S.

MAJOR GENERAL CLAYTON C. BISSELL,

AC of S, G-2, WDGS; Assigned War Plans Division, WDGS, from July 1939 until February 1942; Theater Aviation Officer for China, Burma Theater until August 1942; Commanding General, Tenth Air Force, until October 1943 (and Commanding General of U.S. Air Operations in Asiatic Theater of Operations until December 1942); AC of A S-2 until January 1944; AC of S, G-2, WDGS, since February 1944.

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